

Tripura	568	9/96
1	2	3
Uttar Pradesh	135881	8/96
West Bengal	19773	9/96
Andaman and Nicobar	119	9/96
Chandigarh	7996	6/96
D and N Haveli	20	8/96
Daman and Diu	32	9/96
NCT of Delhi	35710	10/96
Lakshadweep	26	11/96
Pondicherry	1149	11/96
Total	766571	

#### Purchase of Urea at Higher Price

2608. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the farmers are purchasing urea at higher prices as the officers of the State Government do not have the information about the supply of the fertilizers;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to improve the situation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (d) Urea is allocated to each State under Essential Commodities Act for Kharif and Rabi seasons separately in consultation with the State Governments. Supply Plan indicating the quantities of urea to be supplied by different manufacturers in each season to every State/ Union Territory is prepared and notified. State Governments have been regularly monitoring the availability and sales of Urea. Ceiling on sale price of urea which is uniform throughout the country is fixed under Fertilizer Control Order, 1985.

#### Levy Sugar Price Equalization Fund Scheme

2609. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent any proposals to the Union Government in regard to the issues relating to Levy Sugar Price Equalization Fund Scheme in the State during the last three years till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) the number of proposals accepted/rejected/ pending out of them, year-wise; and

(d) the reasons for rejection/pendency of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Gujarat have requested for ad-hoc payments of subsidy from the levy Sugar Price Equalisation Fund (Non-statutory) vide their letter of 9.10.1996.

The Government of Gujarat have also requested for a revision of the margins for the distribution of levy sugar vide their letter of 26.8.1996.

(c) and (d) Funds have been made available to the FCI for payment to States including Gujarat. The margins will be revised in consultation with the State Government.

#### Loss of Cattle

2610. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the loss of cattle in the country during the current year till date, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government are aware that several cattles died due to unidentified disease; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to identify the disease alongwith the preventive measures being taken to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) The information is being gathered from the State and Union Territory Government and will be placed on the Table of the House.

#### Central Rice Research Institute

2611. SHRI MAHABIR LAL BISHVAKARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack has celebrated its Golden Jubilee from 23-25 September, 1996;

(b) whether for this occasion the international tenders were invited by Central Rice Research Institute in July, 1996 through the national and international newspapers;

(c) whether all these tenders were awarded to the local contractors and sellers in violation of the audit rules;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the action taken by the Government on the report of the B.L. Jangeera Committee which was set up to